separately. The work of gauge conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi (90 kms) has already been taken up at a cost of Rs. 137.56 crore. Rupsa-Baripada (52 Kms) section, of this project is completed and commissioned. On Baripada-Bangriposi (38 Kms) section earthwork and construction of minor bridges and Road Over/Under Bridges have been taken up. An outlay of Rs. 35 crore has been provided during 2007-08 and the section is likely to be completed in next 2 years.

UTS facility at stations

2080. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UTS facility is available at all the stations across the country;

(b) if so, why such facility can not be availed at Deoband railway station, Uttar Pradesh by general public; and

(c) by when Government would sort out this matter alongwith telephonic enquiry problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. So far, facility of Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) is functional at 892 locations in the country. Remaining stations of category 'A', 'B', 'C' D', and 'E', totaling to Approximately 5000 stations, are sanctioned and will be commissioned in due course.

(b) and (c) UTS has already been commissioned at Deoband station. Telephone enquiry is already functional in entire northern region in the form of 'Integrated Train Enquiry System'. Passengers can dial a universal number 139 as a local call across the country for all rail related enquiries.

Revamping the New Bongaigaon-Guwahati Suburban Railway System

2081. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to revamp the New Bongaigaon-Guwahati Suburban Railway System for bringing down the over crowding in the local train to consider the demands of the local people to increase the number of local trains;

(b) if so, the details of proposals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present, New Bongaigaon-Guwahati section is being adequately catered by 3 pairs of passengers trains. Besides, to cater to the growing needs two pairs of passenger train *viz.* 701/702 New Bongaigaon-Guwahati Passenger and 703/704 Alipurduar Jn.—Guwahati Shifung Passenger have been augmented by 2 coaches w.e.f. 21.02.2007 and 01-08-2007 respectively.